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## THE WOUNDED WORD.

.. Any part of God's Word is an impregnable rock able to knock infidelity into a thousand smithereens when prayerfully investigated, but the greatest word that the Word ever gave to the world was His promise to be wounded for our transgressions. That God with His Word should create, promise to come, raise the dead, judge the world, and convince us of sin, righteousness and judgment; all this is great, but the greatest of all were the prophecies and types that pointed to the Wounded Word on the cross. In all the history of the world there never were so many prophecies and types fulfilled in twenty hours as when Jesus was crucified. Dark as it was that afternoon it was not too dark for Jesus to read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, the 22nd Psalm, Genesis 3:15. It was not too dark for Him to see all the blood shed by animal sacrifices for 4000 years coming down a river from Eden to stop forever right there where with bleeding hands He was starting the only fountain of forgiveness! It was not too dark for Him to look back and see the brazen serpent erected by Moses as a type of His cross that day. It was not too dark for Him to see that His greatest thought gave to the world His greatest Word which He was then finishing. And how did He finish that greatest thought and word? By finishing His greatest deed. "It is finished" was the end of the greatest battle ever fought. When Jesus fought with sin, Satan, death and hell, He fought alone in the dark. Sin said, I will nail Thee to the cross; Satan said, I will conquer Thee now; death said, I have Thy grave ready; hell said, Satan is King now;—but Jesus in His silence with bleeding hands was tying the Prince of darkness and conquering death and paying for sin and locking the gates of hell and opening the gates of heaven for all the believers of the redeemed, and when it was done, He cried: "It is finished."

—S. P. Long, D.D.



## SERMONETTE.

"Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light." St. John 12: 35-36.

"The world is too much with us; early and late, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." Lent is a call to the spiritual, a summons to turn from the consideration of temporal interests to the interests that are eternal. The words of the Lord Jesus in our text, "Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not," contain a serious admonition to make diligent use of our Day of Grace.

I. The importance of employing this Day.

The words of our text were among the last utterances addressed by Jesus to the hostile Jews. For almost three years He had been among them and had taught them. But they resisted His words and rejected His claims. They utterly failed to realize the day of His gracious visitation among them.

But is it any better to-day? Jesus, the true Light, is among us now and has been so for many years. In His Word and Sacraments He is with us. In our gatherings together in His name He is with us. But who realizes this. How few act as though the light is with them! How few show any real concern for it!

And yet this light is a light bright with blessings. The earnest call of Jesus to the believing and the unbelieving, to all, is "Walk while ye have the light. Believe on the light." And with His words of command comes the power to believe, so that all unbelievers are without excuse if they fail to believe on Him Who is the light of their souls.

The season of Lent is intended to direct our attention to the importance of rightly employing our day of grace. This importance is urgent, because this period is only "a little while." The day of grace—ours now—will not last forever. Soon will come for us the end of this bright day. It came to the Jews sooner than they expected. It may also take us unawares. What an opportunity this Lenten season affords us to make our calling and election sure by walking in the light, believing on the light!

II. The danger of neglecting this important Day.

This light is the light of our Christian land. We have in our favored land our churches, Christian schools and Seminaries, open Bibles by the million, our children baptized in the name of Christ—all indicating the presence of this light. But whence so much ignorance among baptized Christians concerning Christ and the way of salvation? Whence so much indifference and enmity to God's Word, toward the Church and the great cause for which she stands? Why so much Sunday desecration, hatred, strife, drunkenness, fraud, lying and the like? Is it not a sign that darkness is threatening? Is it not a warning to us to beware lest darkness overtake us?

It is a dangerous thing to put off the light when it comes to us. Remember Felix. And the sad thing about it is, that when darkness comes and hides Christ's grace, all our efforts are in vain. "He who walks in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." What a sad picture is this? Darkness, the starless, rayless night without Christ, shuts out forever the hope of reaching "our Father's home on high." "Ye shall seek Me and not find Me." "Ye shall seek Me and shall die in your sins." This is the only word left to those whom the darkness seizes and overcomes.

And the light at length goes out forever. Too late, too late! The door is shut! "I know you not." "Depart from me all ye that work iniquity." And the blackness of darkness settles down forever. How terrible for those who once had the light, but refused to walk in it!

III. The blessedness of rightly employing this great Day.

This is no ordinary blessing or one that we can miss without serious loss, but it is a blessing inconceivably great.

The Saviour points it out clearly in all its greatness when He says, "Ye shall become the sons of light." And St. Paul declares it in literal terms when he says, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ."

This blessedness it is the purpose of the season of Lent to give us. Let us heed the serious admonition of our Lord and "walk in the light"; "believe on the light" while it is with us, and we shall become the children of light.—C. H. LITTLE.



## THE TRUE LENTEN IDEA.

The real matter in observing Lent is to read the relevant portions of God's Word, and meditate on the great and blessed facts of Christ's work and sacrifice for us. During this time we should reflect upon our sins, how heinous and destructive they are, and how offensive to a good and holy God. But we should not stop there. We should also consider that we could not have saved ourselves from our sins, but were helpless under the sentence of divine and eternal justice. Then what was done to deliver us? God sent His Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of the law, to die for us, to take upon Himself in His own person our sins and their terrible penalty, in order that we might be freed from their condemnation, cleansed from their pollution, and delivered from their enslavement. Thus He was our heavenly Substitute, our vicarious Redeemer. We could have been saved in no other way. Love desired to save us, but could not operate unethically; it could not brush justice aside. That would have caused a schism in God Himself and in His moral economy. But thanks be to God, Christ came into the world, assumed our human nature, bore our sins on the cross, satisfied for us the righteous demands of justice, and so divine mercy has been able to reach down freely and ethically and save us from our sins.

These are the subjects that should engage our thoughts during Lent: our sins, how great they are; "God's love, how kind it is; Christ's sacrifice, how gracious it was. In all these meditations there will be an element of sadness. When we think of what our sins cost our God and Saviour, we will surely mourn for ourselves and for Him. We cannot help thinking of the awful sorrow our sins laid upon our Redeemer; how He agonized in the garden and on the cross. But our thoughts need not be wholly sad thoughts. We can look beyond Lent and Good Friday, and remember that Christ won the victory for us by His death; then rose again in triumph from the dead, and ascended in glory to the right hand of God. His triumph is so complete that we need no longer to weep for Him or for ourselves.—Lutheran Church Work and Observer.

We must by all means see to it that we hold the government and all authority in the highest honor.—Luther.

## LUTHER AND THE COMMON MAN.

Luther himself always preached, and wanted others to preach, with his eye on the common man. He wanted to reach the common folk. "Many preachers fail," he says, "to edify the poor, simple people. To preach plainly is a great art. Christ Himself talks of tilling the ground, of seeds and plants and flowers and birds, of women in the kitchen, men at buying and selling and working and warring and traveling; of children playing and piping in the streets."

"It is a great thing to be a sincere minister. Hence Christ said to Peter thrice, 'Lovest thou me,' before He said, 'Feed my sheep.' As if to say: 'Peter, if thou wilt be a true shepherd, thou must love me. Otherwise it is impossible to be an upright shepherd; thy love to me must do the deed.

"When I preach I regard neither doctors nor magistrates, of whom I have forty in my church. I have my eye on the multitude of children, young people, servants and other plain people of whom are more than two thousand. I preach to these, that I may instruct and encourage them. If the doctors and professors don't like it, there's the door. An upright, true and godly preacher should direct his preaching to the simple and poor people, like a mother who soothes and stills her child, dawdles it, plays with it, and nourishes it from her own bosom."

Yes, Luther preached for the common man. The common man heard him gladly. On his journeys great crowds flocked to hear him. Some of those crowds are estimated at thirty thousand.

That Luther was the friend and the champion of the common man is also evident from his merciless castigation of the idle and the oppressive rich. His heart, his word and his pen were always for the betterment of the life of the toiler and of the poor.—Dr. Gerberding.

I can drive no man to heaven with a club.—Luther.

He who does not believe is like one who must cross the sea, but is so timid that he does not trust the ship; and so he must remain and never be saved, because he does not embark and cross over.—Luther.

We would vanquish heretics with books, not with burning.—Luther.



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### EDITORIAL

**Lent.**—Even our Jubilee year has a Lenten season reminding us of self-denial and suffering. The joy of Easter presupposes the anguish of Gethsemane and the cross and it is well that our jubilee celebration is chastened by a self-examination that will ensure humility before God. Without the shedding of blood is no remission and we must through much tribulation enter the kingdom. The church on earth can never assume a tone of unalloyed triumph. She could not endure such triumph if it were granted for with the church as with the individual prosperity is more dangerous than adversity. To celebrate the Jubilee without deep gratitude for deliverance would not conduce to the blessings we need.

**Appreciated.**—The Canada Lutheran is appreciated. Letters of commendation are becoming more frequent, old subscribers are renewing more promptly and generally than ever before and efforts to increase our circulation are gaining strength. We are delighted with the interest manifested in congregations of the Canada Synod. The President of the Synod is a valued contributor to our columns and one congregation after another is undertaking campaigns for subscriptions. A notable effort has

been made in St. John's Parish, Waterloo, where at a special Jubilee celebration meeting enthusiastic endorsement was given to the Canada Lutheran and steps taken to add hundreds to the present quite respectable subscription list. The pastor of that parish has thrown his full weight into the scale to promote the circulation of our Canadian Lutheran Church paper. We believe good results will follow. With efforts such as this our circulation will soon mount up. Zion Church, Stratford, has also begun an energetic canvass for subscribers. We believe others will follow. The state of our finances makes it impossible for us to circulate free sample copies to any large extent but orders for such sent to the Editor by the 20th of the month at the rate of five cents per copy will ensure delivery of any number of the following month's issue desired. We hope to make our Easter number specially helpful to all our people and we would like to publish so large an issue that any congregation of our Church in Ontario or elsewhere might be able to show its English readers that a Canadian Lutheran church paper is available at the very modest sum of fifty cents a year. We hope all pastors and church workers interested in our Canadian Lutheran Church will help to introduce a truly Lutheran yet Canadian Lutheran church paper into their homes. Adopt the Jubilee slogan: "The Canada Lutheran in every home."

**Our Seminary.**—Three Canadian Synods and an independent parish are represented in the student body of our institution at Waterloo at the present time. Never before was the attendance so large. Dr. Laury and his staff are working early and late to equip future ministers for our waiting fields and the success that is attending their efforts is viewed with rejoicing from every part of the Church not only in Canada but also across the line. The Jubilee efforts of the Canada Synods centre in Waterloo. The \$100,000 Jubilee fund is a Waterloo fund. Our hopes for future development spring in large measure from Waterloo where a Canadian institution is training Canadian pastors for Canadian churches. To leave the Seminary out of our Church consciousness at the present time would be depressing in the extreme. It belongs there and must remain there. The Home Mission forces of the Gen-



eral Council recognize this for at the recent conference in Buffalo a resolution was passed to seek endorsement from the General Council at its next meeting of plans to raise by the year 1923 a Home Mission Fund of \$500,000 out of which \$50,000 should be set aside as endowment for our Seminary. The expansion to date is inspiring but the development has been so rapid that we have scarcely been able to keep pace with it. Our teaching force has become inadequate. Dr. Laury needs more help. An additional professor is absolutely necessary. College equipment is also required. To furnish these more funds are needed. It is not hard to finance when money is plentiful but it is hard to assume additional current expenditures with a treasury that is already overdrawn. What can be done? Ensure success for the \$100,000 Jubilee Fund and raise without fail all your Seminary apportionments.

**Lessons from Buffalo.**—The Home Mission Conference held in Buffalo on February 6 and 7 was suggestive along several lines. In the first place it furnished concrete evidence of the wisdom of concentration—one thing at a time and that done well. Unlike most conventions it had but one great theme and one purpose—Home Missions. Every address and every suggestion dealt with some phase of the Home Mission problem of our North American Church. In the second place it revealed with merciless plainness the losses incurred by the Church as a result of failure to cope with the transition problem. As an illustration the Lutheran churches of Minnesota have twice as many members as all other Protestant churches combined but the other churches have five times as many pupils in their Sunday Schools. And yet the Lutherans have the largest families. The parents attend foreign language services but the children seek the English service regardless of church denomination and are ultimately lost to their own church because of the failure of that Church to preach her gospel in the English tongue. In the third place we were permitted to see the tremendous opportunities for world evangelization of an American Lutheran Church that will subordinate all petty racial, linguistic and synodical ambitions and dedicate her missionary powers unreservedly to the fulfilment of Christ's commission. We need more of the

spirit of the hymnist who prays so fervently. "Less of self and more of thee."

**Church Extension.**—This is the season for special Church Extension offerings. The modern missionary problem is a problem of men and means. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" is a rhetorical question emphasizing the urgent need of missionaries. Our Home Mission fields need men and ever more men. The question was asked at Buffalo: "Could we solve our Home Mission problem if we had enough men and means?" And the answer was given emphatically, "Yes." It has pleased God to extend His Church by means of preaching. Preachers are needed and it takes money to send and maintain them. But this is not all. Under modern conditions places of worship must be secured and they are costly no matter how humble. Money is needed to build churches for the congregations our missionaries organize. The Church Extension Society offers loans, according to the size of the fund at its disposal, without interest to congregations needing help to build churches. Your pyramid contribution for Church Extension will assist the Church Extension Society in its practical missionary work. Make your contribution large.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

**Lena Luther.**—A book in paper cover of 24 pages, published by Pilger Pub. House, Reading, Pa. Price per copy 12c., per doz. \$1.20; per hundred \$8. This book, illustrated with scenes from the life of Luther's family life gives a pleasing account of the life of his daughter Lena, whose death "drew forth from the afflicted parents some of the most tender and trustful Christian words."—N. W.

**Why Weepst Thou.**—An Easter programme for children, by Rev. Adolph T. Hauser, published by Lutheran Pub. Co., Buffalo. Price per copy 5c., 25 copies \$1, 100 copies \$3. This is a beautiful and very Scriptural Easter programme that any Sunday School might be glad to use. It would be still more acceptable if the hymns were furnished with music.—N. W.

**Quadri-centennial Tracts.**—The following tracts on quadri-centennial themes can be had from "The Joint

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## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Edited by Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont.

**Note.**—Pastors and correspondents kindly send your parish notes regularly each month to Rev. W. H. Knauff, Pt. Colborne, by the 15th. Let us keep up this interesting department and let the Church know what you are doing.—Assoc. Ed.

### Brantford.

Mrs. Lewis was able to be moved from the hospital to her home. After a severe attack of pneumonia Miss Halfrid Hansen is able to be about again. Vera and Edna Glebe are also back at S. S. after being absent through illness. Mr. Sandberg who suffered a severe and lengthy attack of illness has sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his duties. We were very sorry when word came to us that Mr. John Otterbein had passed away on Jan. 18th. The heartfelt sympathy of this congregation is extended to Mrs. Otterbein and family in their sad bereavement. On Jan. 28th the Mission Box was opened and found to contain \$14, which is a record. Since our School started to take up a Mission offering every Sunday, this box has yielded us in a little over a year, the sum of \$31.81. In addition to this our regular offering has increased from 50 to 60 per cent. On Jan. 21 in the absence of Mr. Otterbein, who was at Hamilton attending the funeral of his father, Mr. T. B. Westcott very acceptably looked after the work. Mr. Gordon Boyer also addressed the Sunday School on "Missions." Mrs. Brill of London, has returned home, after a pleasant six weeks' stay at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. Lipsky. Upon invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickering the members and friends of the congregation gathered together on Feb. 14th to spend a social evening. Speeches, music, recitations and dialogues were the order of the evening. A pound of coffee given by one of the ladies realized \$6.50 for the treasury of the Ladies' Aid Society. After the programme a dainty lunch was served. The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Borgerson, Dundas St., on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Two new scholars were added to the S. S. during the month, Charles and Osborne Sandberg.

### Hamilton.

God in His wisdom has called away John Otterbein, one of our esteemed members, in his 57th year. Though born in Elmira, Ont., he spent the greater part of his life in Hamilton where he leaves a loving widow, two sons, Fred and Albert, and one daughter, Adeline, to mourn his loss. He was a charter member of Trinity congregation, of a quiet, unassuming manner and highly respected by all. May God sustain and keep those who mourn his loss. During the month the Luther League held a sleighing party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Guenther, Waterdown. A Junior League has been organized with the following officers: President, Gerald Hagey; Secretary, Viola Benson; Treasurer, Herman Paulsen. The League will make a special study of missions.

### Humberstone.

Holy Trinity Church is concentrating all efforts to the raising of funds for the new pipe organ. The organ has already been shipped and work will be done in earnest when it arrives. According to plans and specifications we will have a very fine instrument, with all the modern accessories and pneumatic action and electric blower. The organ-in-building has been pronounced to be the best and most complete for many miles around. But we shall see. More complete reports will be given our interested readers in these columns later. And we will tell to what extent our church has been the gainer. The Luther League has obligated itself to one-third the cost of the organ and the Ladies Aid pledged itself to two-thirds. Our efforts have been directed and will be even more so to raising the funds. These organizations will have their hands quite full, but will do what they can towards the usual benevolent objects, in which Holy Trinity has always been interested. Too much must, therefore, not be expected of us, while for once we are investing for ourselves. The Luther League gave a Valentine Social in the Town Hall, on the evening of Feb. 13th. A very enjoyable time was spent. Lunch was served in true valentine style. Friday evening, Feb.



16th, the Luther League enjoyed a pleasant sleigh ride party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. David White about four and a half miles down the country. A very happy time was spent, and Mr. and Mrs. White are thanked for inviting the League and opening their home for their entertainment. The monthly meeting of the League was held Feb. 19th at the home of Miss Minnie Boneberg, with a very good attendance, 23. Two new members were received and two members resigned. The organ matter was very enthusiastically discussed. The monthly afternoon gathering of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. C. D. Boneberg, and had the nature of a "quilting." Seriously ill is Miss Gertrude Cronmiller, the corresponding secretary of the League. She is suffering with typhoid. Baptized and made a child of grace, Sunday, Feb. 18th, Persida Helena, infant of Mr. Robert White and Theresa (nee) Hesler of Buffalo. Midweek Lenten services are held every Wednesday evening. The pastor is preaching a series of sermons on the "Seven Words from the Cross."

#### Sherwood.

Mrs. Susan Parkins, the oldest member of this congregation, and probably the second oldest person in Vaughan Township, died at her home near Maple, on January 25th, in her 96th year. She immigrated to Canada from Pennsylvania at the age of four years and spent her whole life in Vaughan Township. She was a woman of remarkable constitution, a staunch member of the Lutheran Church and a highly respected member of the community. During her last illness she was nursed with great devotion by her unmarried daughter, Sarah, and her widowed daughter, Mrs. Mayer. Funeral services were held in Zion Church and the remains interred in that cemetery. The Luther League is holding its weekly meetings during the winter at the homes of members. The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: Pres., Emanuel Wisswaesser; Vice-Pres., Roland Keffer; Cor. Sec., Elsworth Keffer; Rec. Sec., Ross Keffer; Treas., Roy Keffer; Organist, Esther Wisswaesser; Asst. Organist, Millie Vanderburg. A special Bible Class meets on Sunday afternoons in the church to study the Sunday School lesson.

#### Stratford.

Lenten services will commence on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 8 p.m., and be regularly held every Wednesday evening during Lent, except in Holy Week when divine service will be held on Good Friday at 10.30 a.m. The Y.P.S. held a rally and social on Feb. 14th. Many young people were present. Herbert Wittig and Herm. Prohl joined at the last meeting. Sickness was quite frequent in many homes. Mr. Hohner, formerly of Waterloo, now residing in our city, and Mrs. Zulauf, from Milverton, had to undergo critical operations in the General Hospital. We are glad to report that both are on the way to recovery, also Mr. A. Dittmer and Mr. Hy. Heithoehmer, who were very ill. Mr. Wick, formerly of Ellice Township, and a member of St. Paul's Church, has come to the city and joined our congregation; also Mr. Soehner from Waterloo, and Mr. Fischer from Logan, have moved to Stratford. Mr. John Loehr, who came here from New Hamburg some years ago, and Mrs. B. Beger, who came here about a year ago, have returned to New Hamburg. Mr. Geo. Nahrgang has gone to Grimsby, Ont. We sincerely hope his health will soon improve. Mr. Oscar Hamel and wife will live in Stratford in the future. We welcome them in our midst. Mr. G. Kischel and daughter, Karoline, of Lethbridge, Alta., were visiting Mrs. Richards. Mr. K's eldest daughter after Christmas. Mrs. Prohl will accompany her daughter, Mrs. Scherer, and her children home to Saskatchewan and stay with them for some time. The destruction of St. Paul's Church, Ellice Tp. (Rev. A. Blunk) on Sunday, Feb. 11th was reported in the city early next morning. Deep sympathy is felt by our congregation, especially by those who came from Ellice and were members of that church.

#### Toronto.

On January 9th the annual congregational meeting was held in St. Paul's Church. Messrs. Wurham (re-elected), Rose and Ludolph were elected as members of the Council, the other members are Messrs. Zingg, Weltz, Elsasser and Carstens. On Jan. 14th, Prof. Laury preached at both services, Holy Communion was administered in the morning and Miss Willison was received as a new member. The Young Ladies' Missionary



Society of St. Paul's Church, has been doing a very creditable work during the past few years, although the Society is very small in number. It has been supporting a young native Bible student in India, at the cost of \$35 per annum; assisting the refugees in Northern Ontario; comforting a widow and her six children, during the Christmas season; sending a little cheer to our boys at the front, and placing an honor roll, draped with a silk Union Jack, in the vestibule of the church.

#### Unionville.

Pte. A. S. Willison, brother of Pastor Willison, is returning to Canada from England because of ill-health. The monthly social meeting of the League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stiver. Special Lenten services are held in Unionville on Wednesday nights, the pastor preaching on "The Seven Words from the Cross." A sacred concert under the auspices of the Buttonville Ladies' Aid was held in St. John's Church on Friday evening, Feb. 23. An excellent programme was furnished by St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church choir, Toronto, Mr. C. H. Fierheller, Director, assisted by Miss Grace Webster, Elocutionist. A free-will offering for missions was taken.

#### Waterloo.

St. John's Luther League held its regular business meeting on Feb. 5th with a large attendance. Three new members were enrolled. It was decided to accept Rev. Weidenhammer's invitation for a sleighing party to conestoga and also to hold a special meeting for the securing of new members.

#### Welland.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of St. Matthew's was held at the home of Mrs. Ott, Feb. 1st. After the business session the topic for January was studied: "The Word for the World." Every member of the Society has secured her own topic book and every member present at this meeting took part in the discussion led by Pastor Knauff. The members like the topic and would not be without its study. The Society decided to have the study of the topic at the beginning of the meeting and the business session last. The Luther League met at the home of Mrs. Vanderburg, Feb. 12th with an unusual attendance. We had with us the Secretary of the Ontario Lutheran Walther

League—the young people's organization of the Missouri Synod,— Mr. Badke, who gave a talk on the work of that organization. The League voted \$5 towards paying the salary of the organist. The matter of Students' Aid was considered and action deferred to next meeting. As topic discussion the League continued the reading of the great Convention of the National League held at Toledo. The papers and addresses will be discussed. Every League member has his own copy of L. L. Review. A social hour was spent after the meeting. Pastor Knauff is conducting midweek Lenten services every Thursday evening.

#### Williamsburg.

Married at the parsonage, Dec. 20, 1916, by Rev. J. Maurer, Miss Beulah Alguire and Mr. Arthur Hutt. Congratulations. Married at the parsonage, Jan. 23rd, 1917, by Rev. J. Maurer, Miss Florence Merkley and Mrs. Ernest Trickey. Congratulations. Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McIntosh, Winchester Springs, Feb. 13, Miss Irma McIntosh and Mr. J. E. Johnston, by her pastor, Rev. J. Maurer. Congratulations. The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held in January. The following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. J. Maurer, Sec.; Mrs. J. P. Becker, Treas.; Mrs. Wm. J. Merkley. Church and Sunday school attendance were affected very much during the month of January on account of the cold and stormy weather. The annual banquet notwithstanding the stormy weather, was a success. The M. C. I. Orchestra of Morrisburg furnished the music. The pastor attended the Home Mission Conference at Buffalo. The congregation was given a full description of the Buffalo meeting on Sunday morning after his return. The harvest truly is plenteous. Mrs. George Garlough, aged 86 years, 8 months, died at her home, Feb. 6th. In the absence of the Pastor, Rev. L. M. McCreery, of Dunbar, conducted the funeral. A teachers' training class has been organized by the Pastor.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.

While attending the quarterly meeting of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council at New York last week, we were called upon



to help a brother who had lost all his belongings by the burning down of his parsonage in the West. We had scarcely returned home when we were made acquainted with the lamentable news that the church of our congregation in Ellice Tp. (Rev. A. Blunck, Pastor) on Sunday night (Feb. 11th) was completely destroyed by fire. It was a fine, large and stately building, comparatively new, the place of worship of one of our largest country parishes. Although insurance will cover part of the material loss in this case, it is nevertheless a severe blow to the congregation and its pastor and will put both of them to a great deal of inconvenience. We are informed that the regular services for the present time will be held in a hall in the near-by village of Rostock. We extend our sincere sympathy to our brethren in their misfortune. Another vacancy in view. The report has just reached us, that Rev. F. Veit has resigned in Sebastopol (Tavistock P.O.). We do not know, when his resignation will take effect. It will end a pastorate of an exceptional duration. Trinity Church of Sebastopol was the first and only one Rev. Veit has served during a ministry of 45 years. The congregation is one of the largest in the Canada Synod, owns a beautiful large church and a very handsome parsonage and is favorably known for its lively and active interest in the affairs of our Can. Luth. Church. Rev. Veit was President of the Canada Synod for 7 years and a member of the Seminary Board since the establishment of the Institution. Besides the Church of Sebastopol he served for many years St. Matthew's congregation in East Zorra Tp., which withdrew from the parish a number of years ago and has had its own pastor since. Rev. Veit, though having passed the three score years and ten limit by several years, so far was blessed with a remarkable, almost youthful vigor of body and mind. He is one of the best known pastors of the Lutheran Church in Canada, having been closely identified with its history during the past half century.

February 4th was the day for the annual congregational meeting of I. German Lutheran Church, Toronto. The fine Christian spirit, which found expression in the deliberations, made the meeting a pleasant affair, although it cannot be denied, that our hearts were depressed and it would be foolish self-deception, to state that

everything was well in Zion. The pastor's report did not conceal some lamentable truths: Church membership has been decreasing during the past couple of years, many having felt compelled to leave the city. 75 per cent of our young people have disappeared. Church attendance is consequently at a low standard. The different organizations within the congregation, Ladies' Aid and Young People's Societies, were greatly handicapped in their activities and could merely preserve their existence. The Sunday School has been losing, in numerical strength and efficiency. The causes for this regrettable decline are obvious. The outlook in the future is not particularly bright and encouraging. But lifting up our eyes to the hills, from whence cometh our help, the outlook changes; there is brightness and comfort and hope. That in spite of the mentioned discouraging outward conditions the financial reports were unexpectedly satisfactory—the receipts reaching up to \$4,000—shows that our little band of faithful ones are willing to sacrifice and to fight for the existence of their beloved Church by ungrudgingly shouldering the ever increasing financial burden. Among the many depressing features of our church life it is really refreshing to observe the heroic efforts of a number of our people to save their church and congregation from disaster. Surely the Lord must remember them according to His promise: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." To fill some vacancies in the Church Council, two good men were elected, viz., Messrs. Buddenhagen and Miller, both well qualified for the office, regular and faithful in their attention to their church duties, exemplary Christian characters. They were installed last Sunday. During the meeting the pastor took occasion to present the \$100,000 fund proposition, giving all necessary information about the plan and forecasting the campaign he is to undertake in the congregation in the near future. In spite of the present depressing conditions some good results are expected. We commit our struggling church unto the Lord, trust also in Him, He shall bring it to pass.

On the II. Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Mosig was installed in Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg, Rev. Voelker, of Preston, officiating. May the tie between pastor and people be of a long and blessed duration!



**ON THE WING.**

Milton J. Bieber.

The territory of the Eastern District Superintendent of Home Missions embraces the Maritime Provinces, Eastern and East Central Canada, the New England, and the Middle States. The Superintendent assumed his new duties on Feb. 1, 1917. He had been directed to enter the position on September 1, 1915, but owing to his duties and relations in Nova Scotia and Eastern Canada he deferred his assumption of the office till now. His twelve years sojourn in Canada have been very pleasant and blessed of God, they were strenuous but fruitful and happy years. He is very sorry to leave the active work in the Dominion, but his relations with the dear congregations and institutions and many friends have by no means ceased. Canada is still his field and if it is possible he will do as much or even more for it than ever before. He will visit her conventions and congregations and will always be Lutheran Canada's "friend at court." The kindness of his Canadian friends he can never forget; and the sympathy and prayers of his Montreal congregation and of all the other congregations on Mrs. Bieber's illness have upheld both in the hour of trial and given them hope and strength.

"The History of the Lutheran Church in Canada" will be continued and some time published in book form. The Superintendent's monthly letter to the Canada Lutheran will be a continuous point of contact. The interest in the Seminary and in the mission and the general work of the Canadian Church shall not wane.

Though his duties will keep him "moving" mail will reach him at 2402 Catalpa Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.; or 846 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.; or Mt. Joy, Penn. He rejoices in the fact that at the Home Mission Conference held in Buffalo, on Feb. 6 and 7, a six year programme was outlined in which it was resolved to raise \$100,000, to be equally divided between the Seminary at Waterloo and the Seminary at Seattle, Washington. The Conference was attended by President Maurer, Editor Willison, and the Superintendent and they took an active part in the deliberations.

The Superintendent finds that everywhere there is need of men and money. The demands are much greater than the supply. Let us pray and work for men; and give liberally of our means; and do all in our individual power to do the work of our Church, and the Lord will prosper us far beyond our hopes and gifts and prayers.—Amen.

**OTHER NEWS ITEMS.****Visiting Day at Seminary.**

Saturday, Feb. 3rd, was visitor's day at the Seminary. Despite the inclement weather, an encouraging number attended. The following ladies acted as hostesses: Mrs. Ed. Liphardt, Mrs. Herman Sturm, Mrs. W. H. Kutt, Mrs. W. Miller, and Mrs. J. Herbert Smith.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, the "Reds" of St. John's Luther League, Waterloo, entertained the "Blues" to a social in the basement of the church. In a membership contest, which added many young people to the League, the former side lost to the latter. A full and entertaining programme was rendered after which refreshments were served.

The choir of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Rev. C. Zarnke, pastor, on Monday evening, Feb. 3th, journeyed to the Military Sanitarium at Freeport, a suburb of Kitchener, and presented the patients there with a basket of eggs and gave for the soldiers' entertainment a musical programme. An act of love and patriotism and worthy of imitation.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Preston, Rev. M. Voelker, Pastor, observed its anniversary Thursday, Feb. 1st, and had as guests the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Hespeler and the Pastor, Rev. Fiebelkorn. After the regular business meeting of the Society, held in the afternoon, divine services were conducted by the two pastors, Rev. M. Voelker preaching the German sermon, and Rev. Fiebelkorn, delivering the English sermon. After the service a fine lunch was served in the basement of the church.

The combined choirs of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kitchener,



and of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Preston, gave a musicale in the latter church, Thursday evening, Feb. 15th. The entire proceeds are for the Red Cross Fund.

Because of the illness of the Pastor, Rev. C. Zarnke, Student O. Neeb, of the Waterloo Seminary, conducted the services in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, Sunday, Feb. 11th. We trust Rev. Zarnke has by this date regained strength and health.

**Long and Faithful Pastorate.**—Rev. F. Veit, Pastor of the Tavistock-Sebastopol, Ont., parish, has resigned from Trinity Church, Sebastopol, after serving it faithfully for 45 years. The congregation is reluctant to accept the resignation. Rev. Veit is a "father" among his people.

The Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Walther League, the young people's organization of the Missouri Synod, has set as a task for itself the establishment of a new Home for Working Girls which will require from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The District League has about \$3,000 on hand. What is needed in all large cities is homes for girls who earn small wages, and require a modest place of refuge during a period of non-employment, one where they can go at all times for counsel and a homey feeling, and that within the confines of their own church. Such a home is the "Lutheran Hospice for Young Women" at 941 Washington St., Buffalo, established by the General Council Church of that city, the matron being Miss Roess and the Superintendent Rev. Walter Krumwiede.

The Ontario District of the Lutheran Walther League, organized Sept. last, has set as its aim as a Jubilee offering, the raising of funds for Students' Aid, and the members are asked to contribute 50c. a year for three years.

#### Lutheran Church Destroyed.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, near Rostock, in Ellice Tp., Rev. A. Blunk, Pastor, and a member of the Canada Synod, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night, Feb. 11th. Only the walls are left standing. During the fire the bells fell from their places, one of which was broken. A service had been held in the morning and none in the afternoon or evening, but the church had not been locked until

evening when the caretaker and a friend went into the church once more. Both claim that the fire in the furnace was nearly out. About eight o'clock fire was discovered in the basement and little could be done to save the building. St. Paul's was practically a new church, a handsome, large and well equipped building. The church is an entire loss, nothing being saved. The loss is about \$15,000 with insurance of \$7,000. We understand preparations for rebuilding will be made at once. Pastor and people have our deep sympathy. The Lord will overrule all for good.

#### JUBILEE NOTES.

The Luther League of America has adopted the following as an efficiency programme for the Jubilee Year: To have a reading course of four to six books bearing on the quadri-centennial. To read the best tracts on different phases of the quadri-centennial celebration. To raise 25c. a member as a Jubilee fund.

The sermon outlines for the Jubilee year, second quarter, are ready for delivery. They begin with the outline for the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 25th. The outlines for the current quarter are by the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., The Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, The Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., and the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D. The increase in number adds variety and value to the issue.

It is to be expected that during Jubilee Year every effort possible will be made by the enemies of Luther and the Lutheran Church to discredit Luther and his work. Lutherans should therefore equip themselves with all the information possible with which to answer slanderous assaults. Reformation facts and principles should be studied in private and in classes. "Martin of Mansfeld" is a story of Luther recommended specially for young people. The selected works of Martin Luther being published in ten volumes at \$2 per volume should be placed in the home of every Lutheran that can afford to buy them.

The Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., of Mansfield, Ohio, is arranging to give his entire time to delivering Jubilee lectures from the middle of April to the first of November.



A Lutheran Pastor's Association, as a special preliminary preparation for the celebration of the Quatri-centennial, has been organized at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Commenting upon it our Correspondent says: "It will mean much for the work in Western Canada." Winnipeg papers promise to give liberal space for the Quadri-centennial Celebration news.

The church which is growing is necessarily a mission church. A church which is celebrating as the Lutheran Church is this year, should grow. Therefore it should be missionary. Logically the Quadri-centennial Committee has asked that every parish and every congregation in America aim before the end of the Quadri-centennial year to have a local missionary society.

#### Jubilee Celebration Committee.

The Rev. H. J. Behrens, 47 Irwin St., Kitchener, Ont., has been appointed Chairman of the Jubilee Celebration Committee of Central Canada.

#### JUBILEE FUND APPEAL.

A most eloquent appeal on behalf of the \$100,000 Jubilee Fund has been sent to all the pastors and people of the Synod of Canada and the Synod of Central Canada by the Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, President of the Canada Synod, and Chairman of the Joint Committee recently appointed by the Lutheran Laymen's Convention. We wish we had space to publish this appeal in full. We will quote two paragraphs:

"Our two Synods number about 6,000 voting members, rather more than less. With few exceptions they are independent heads of households. We know most of our congregations; we are personally acquainted with thousands of our members; we claim to have a fair conception of their economic condition; and we know, and thank God for it, there are but few really poor among them; the great majority are in fairly good circumstances, know of no want in regard to the necessities of life and have no need to fear the so-called rainy day. Many, very many, are well-to-do. This class I have in mind at this moment. Should there not be a thousand among those six thousand who at this special and singular occasion could not, for once, give \$100, instead of that customary dollar or five dollar bill? In many cases even that

\$100 gift would not be a real and genuine sacrifice! The giver would not feel it, he would not need to deny himself anything of the necessities of life on account of it; it would not mean more to him than three or four dollars less interest on his bank account. We do not fancy, but state naked, indisputable facts!

"I cannot and will not believe that the Christian spirit of sacrifice is less developed or less accessible in our well-to-do people than in those of other denominations, where \$100 and \$50 gifts for the cause of the Church are no rare exception at all; nor am I ready to admit that they are bare of the feeling of gratitude for the numberless blessings which God has showered upon our very Lutheran Church through the Reformation four hundred years ago and ever since. And I can hardly imagine the overwhelming joy, if on the great Jubilee Day we could stand before our Church, ready to deposit the \$100,000 gift as a thank-offering upon the altar, and with one stroke thereby to be relieved of the ever-pressing and perplexing concern for the existence of our Seminary and the future of our beloved Lutheran Church.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

(Continued from page 5)

Lutheran Quadri-centennial Committee," 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.:

**Martin Luther**—by Thos. Carlyle, 5 cents each, \$1.80 per hundred.

**A Budget of Lutheran Church Facts**—by W. L. Hunton, 2c. each, 70c. a hundred.

**A Reformation Catechism**—by Dr. J. Fry, 10 cts. a doz., 75 cts. per 100.

**The Story of a Restless Conscience**—by David Bauslin, 3 cts. per copy, 20c. a doz., \$1 per hundred.—N. W.

#### JUBILEE PRIZE CONTEST.

Prizes for Jubilee anthems have been awarded as follows: First prize to Mr. Ralph Lewars, Organist of Memorial Church, Philadelphia. His anthem entitled, "Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, and Thanks," is written for a full chorus with organ accompaniment. Second prize to Dr. Ohl, of Philadelphia, for a festival anthem for a massed chorus entitled, "I Will Extol Thee." Third prize to Mr. Leroy Rile, Germantown, Pa., for a chorus entitled, "I Will Extol Thee, My God, My King."



## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.

Contributions to this department should be sent to Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It will be profitable for our members at this season of the year to recall the salient points in our President's address made at our last Convention in Unionville. For lack of space we can only publish a synopsis.

After reviewing the work of our Society and commending the ladies for their effort the President referred to the world situation and showed us why we should put forth greater effort during the present year, to usher in "Christ's Kingdom of Peace."

The causes especially demanding our support are:

**The Seminary** at Waterloo for which our Societies are to raise \$2,000.

**Inner Missions** especially our "Dorchester House" for girls in the great city of Montreal." (It is gratifying to learn that as a result of liberal government support this institution is likely to become self-sustaining.—Ed.)

**Home Missions.**—Recommended that the name of this fund be changed to "The Women's Field Missionary Fund." For this fund we are apportioned \$200.

**Foreign Missions.**—Although the General Council is supporting more missionaries than ever before the force is not adequate to deal with the situation.

The Junior Societies are recommended to support Miss Anna Rohrer the children's nurse, also to contribute to the fund to educate Miss Elizabeth Petrich for Medical Missionary work.

**Porto Rico.**—Let our support for this cause be more generous than in the past year.

**Slav Missions.**—Rev. Ramer superintends this work, and is one of our hardest worked ministers, travelling much and preaching often.

Other objects in which our societies are interested:

**Literature.**—The monthly topics are found very helpful and instructive, the Junior societies were urged to use more generally the program-

me prepared for them. A special plea was made for our support of "The Canada Lutheran" both with news items and subscriptions.

We were urged to read carefully our "Mission Worker."

**Missionary Exhibit.**—To have at our Convention objects of interest both from home and foreign fields.

**Junior Societies.**—There shall be a Junior Society in every congregation. The girls of to-day are the women of to-morrow. Let us interest and train them in missionary work.

**Mission Study Classes** have been found instructive and helpful. Let us organize more of them.

**Lace Industry.**—Owing to high U. S. duty our beautiful Indian and Porto Rico laces have not sold readily.

**Life Memberships and Memorials.**—Several life memberships have been taken out. Money paid for these is used to print literature for the education of our societies.

A committee composed of Miss Roos (convener), Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Ludolph, dealt with this report and heartily endorsed every recommendation except the changing of name "Home Missions" to "The Women's Field Missionary Fund," as they feared the change might cause some confusion.

### AT BUFFALO.

Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Chairman of the Home Mission Dept. of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, addressed the Home Mission Conference at Buffalo, on Feb. 7th. She said the Women's Missionary Society was the only organization in the Church that had Missions and Mission Study as its sole work. It assisted in supporting field missionaries and aimed to place the Home Mission map before all its members hoping by means of education inspiration, thank-offering and prayer to help to cover the land with Field Missionaries.

Miss Kaehler addressed the Conference on behalf of Young Women Students.

It is the duty of the authorities to seek the highest good of their subjects.—Luther.



## MISCELLANEOUS

Edited by Rev. W. H. Knauff, Port Colborne, Ont.

### AN ENCOURAGEMENT.

For those interested in a cause or a work to receive words of encouragement from another, cannot but be a real stimulant. Such words of encouragement came to the Associate Editor from the Rev. O. Klaehn, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, and accompanied his "Church Notes" which will be found on another page and which will be read with interest. In his letter the Brother says: "I am still canvassing for your paper"—we wish he had rather said "our" paper, since the Canada Lutheran is for every Lutheran in Canada—"and I hope to secure a good number of subscribers in my parish. So far we have 30 readers and we are only beginning." A noble beginning indeed! The Canada Lutheran wishes the Brother success. And to some other ministerial brethren, the Canada Lutheran would say: "Go and do thou likewise." Truly the slogan "The Canada Lutheran in every home," is effective and bearing fruit. Let us have more such encouraging news!

### HOME MISSION CONFERENCE.

The 2nd conference of English Home Mission forces of the General Council was held in Buffalo on Feb. 6 and 7, in the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. S. G. Trexler, Pastor. About forty delegates including the Vice-President of the Home Mission Bd., the General Superintendent, the two district superintendents and nine field missionaries were present. Central Canada was the only Canadian portion of the Church represented, having as delegates President Maurer and Secretary Willison. The guests were royally entertained by the congregations of Buffalo at Hotel Cheltenham.

The Conference held five busy sessions and many matters of vital importance to the Church were discussed. In a very able paper on "The Relation of the Map of the United States to the Map of the World," Dr. Kunzmann pointed out the great opportunities and corresponding obligations of the United States for the evangelization of the world. No nation was ever converted by foreigners but the United States could equip enough representatives from every

nation in the world to evangelize in the present generation, all peoples. America Christianized means the world Christianized. The kingdom shall be given to the nation in which the church is faithful, in which a holy brotherhood is united with a holy God. The United States has the privilege of becoming that nation to which it is the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom. If the Lutheran Church is ever to be united it must be united under the leadership of the American Church. That America may convert the world not only must the Lutheran Church unite but the entire group of Christian churches in America must enter into some form of co-operative union. The denominations must co-operate and not compete. If we cannot defend our Lutheran position in the presence of other denominations we cannot defend it in their absence. After all there is more that unites the Protestant churches than separates them and there must be some way to become one.

Dr. Bieber, the Eastern District Superintendent, gave interesting statistics showing the extent of his field. It embraced a New England population of 26,000,000 and a Canadian population of 5,700,000. The Lutherans in the territory of the Eastern District comprise more than one-fourth of the total Lutheran membership of North America. The Lutheran Church in Canada, loyal to her country and Empire, was passing through a crisis.

Rev. Luther Hogshead, the Western District Superintendent, spoke of the great Western field as a land of opportunity. People come there with the language of their home lands but the language of their children must become the language of the church.

The present is a great language transition period because immigration has practically ceased. The church's great problem is to save the leakage taking place in the transition. The Home Mission problem of the East is a problem of congestion; the problem of the West is one of isolation and the Southern problem is racial. The Lutheran churches of Minnesota have twice as many members as all other Protestants but only one-fifth the number of children in their Sunday



Schools for the simple reason that the young people will go where the English language is used.

The Field Missionaries spoke of the work in their fields. Rev. Ulrich, of Dakota, said that less than half of the Lutherans of that State were in active communion with the Lutheran Church—in fact 65 per cent of the Lutherans were found in other churches. Often the other denominations built churches in places where they did not have a single member. Rev. Deck, of the Twin cities gave some illuminating statistics concerning Minnesota. The German and Scandinavian churches there are not taking care of the situation. The Reformed churches with one-half the membership of the Lutheran Church contribute \$115,000 annually for Home Mission work in that State while all the Lutheran Synods only contribute \$7,000! Rev. Weiscotten, of Wisconsin, said there were 300,000 Lutherans in that State but one-half to two-thirds of the Lutheran stock were found as pillars in other churches. Many indeed were found in no church and were probably lost to eternity because of the failure of our Church to prosecute more vigorously her English work. The West is ripe for English work. "Give us men and means." Rev. Tervehn, from Ohio, Rev. Wenrich from Columbus, Rev. Dennig from Pittsburg, and Rev. Fegley from Pennsylvania, spoke of their respective fields. Rev. Lineberger from Detroit told of the great opportunities in that booming city. Detroit has doubled its population every five years during the last fifteen years. The largest constituency is Lutheran. One hundred and fifty thousand people have come there without any church relationship. The representatives of the Synodical Boards and committees also reported the local conditions in their fields.

Speaking at the last session on the subject of finance Rev. Martin said the secret of successful finance is the man and to accomplish the best results there should be a travelling secretary to raise Home Mission funds.

The six year programme of the Home Mission Board was endorsed by the Conference. Its chief recommendations being: A systematic study of the field; adding an Educational Secretary, fifteen field men and one hundred and twenty-five missionaries to the force by 1923; establishing educational institutions, a Home Mission Institute in each synod, holding biennial Home Mission conferences, having a Home Mission Week in No-

vember 1917, to present claims of six year programme in every congregation, a Home Mission study class in every congregation by 1923; raising a Jubilee Fund of \$500,000 by 1923, of which \$100,000 should be used to endow the Pacific Seminary at Seattle and the Canadian Seminary at Waterloo.

A resolution was passed urging all synods to make special efforts to meet their Home Mission apportionments. The Board has a debt at the present time of \$20,000 which would be wiped out if all synods paid their full apportionments.—N. W.

### THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., in "The Lutheran Church Review."  
(Continued)

There is, indeed, a wonderful ethical awakening abroad of which this social service movement is a powerful expression. Business and industry are being scrutinized with ethical eyes as never before. Never have the demand for social justice and the outcry against special privilege been louder than they are to-day. Christianity is being appealed to to make itself heard and felt in places where hitherto it was assumed it had no right to speak. An open door has thus been offered which the Church must not refuse to enter. The present day ethical emphasis as touching the everyday conditions and situations of life is the Church's opportunity to make her gospel a renewed power. It is well that the disaffected elements of society should turn to the Church and ask for help and succor. The Church must not turn a deaf ear. This new interest in social service is an affirmative reply on the part of the Church even if it be a hasty and ill-advised one.

Another redeeming feature is the growing consciousness that social service must be less social and more individual and personal, that something must precede social service group action. This crops out in reports emanating from the Episcopal and Methodist communions. That of the former church says: "Unless the minister of the individual church and his workers, men and women, take a hand in actual community service, the efforts of larger units, diocesan or national social service organizations, must go largely for naught." That of the latter speaks of "the many personal aspects of social service, which must have emphasis. It will never be



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thoroughly social until it is genuinely individual." "It becomes the duty of every Christian to assume some obligation of personal service, to relate himself to some work for the poor, the sick, the prisoner, the oppressed." "The Church must generate the spirit of service until it dominates men with a mighty imperative."

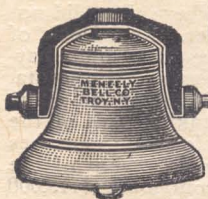
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